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Commissioner Stephanie Bowman
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Director of Aviation, StART Chair Lance Lyttle

Re: City of Burien Suspension of StART Participation

Dear Director Lyttle and Port of Seattle Commissioners:

On August 5, 2019, we voted to suspend our community's participation in the Sea-Tac Advisory Roundtable (StART). This decision was given significant consideration and is indicative of the City of Burien's desire for a more collaborative and productive relationship with the Port to address the rapid growth and impacts on our residents of operations at Sea-Tac Airport. Our vote followed a unanimous recommendation of the Burien Airport Committee to suspend participation in StART.

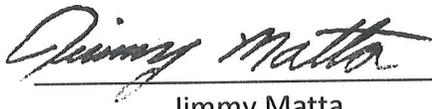
This decision was based on several factors, including the following:

- The Port of Seattle's decision to move forward to fund up to 30% design on the SAMP Near Term Projects when no information has yet been provided regarding the results (even in draft form) of the SAMP NEPA and SEPA analysis. This action conveyed a message that the Port of Seattle is moving forward with these projects regardless of community concerns and potential environmental impacts..
- Failure of Port of Seattle staff to notify City staff or StART members of their design expenditure proposal until the day of the Commission meeting in Kirkland (on the consent agenda).
- A perceived lack of meaningful progress with StART and concerns among participants that they were not being heard and that the time and effort to participate were not worthwhile.
- Our belief that other forums and venues will offer us more effective means to work on addressing the concerns of Burien residents regarding airport operations.

The growth and environmental impacts of Sea-Tac's operations are of great concern to the City of Burien. It is unacceptable to us that the Port of Seattle is unwilling to acknowledge our concerns as demonstrated by your recent actions. Our community trusts that we, as elected officials, will act in their best interests. We are hopeful that we can find opportunities to have interactions built on trust and respect, where productive conversations can address both the needs you face to accommodate growth and the needs we have to ensure the health and well-being of our residents and our community. That is our goal moving forward.

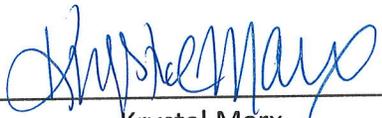
Sincerely,

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